

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

Wed. Oct. 23

-MADD assembly for Grade 7/8 students @ 9:30 (gym not available all morning)

-Swim to survive Gr. 3E/1 & 2E

Thurs. Oct. 24

-Spooky Grams on sale \$0.25 each or \$5.00 for a class

-Swim to survive Gr. 3E/1 & 2E

Fri. Oct. 25

-Spooky Grams on sale \$0.25 each or \$5.00 for a class

-Swim to survive Gr. 3E/1 & 2E

-World Health Organization 17 steps to sustainability presentation @ 2:30 in gym

Mon. Oct. 28

-Catholic School Council meeting @ 6pm

-Halloween Gym Riot

Tues. Oct. 29

Build a scarecrow as a class

Wed. Oct. 30

-Halloween Trivia contest

-Door decorating contest judging

-Class pumpkin carving contest—due to the lobby

Thurs. Oct. 31

Happy Halloween!

Wear your costumes to school

-Halloween fun house for JK-Gr. 3 and Haunted House for Gr. 5-8

Fri. Nov. 1

PA day—no school for students!

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From the Principal's Desk



BUS DROP OFF

We are thrilled that our bus drop off area is fully operational. Please remember that this area is for buses only. If you are dropping off your child, please use the gate by St. Pat's Church.

SAFE SCHOOL POLICY

A reminder that due to Safe Schools Policy, it is necessary that we be extra vigilant about having visitors sign in at the office. We remind parents to remain at the front of the school (lobby) at drop off time in the morning and pick up time after school. Finally, if you are going to be picking up your child or there is a change in plans, please contact the school no later than 2:30 so that the message can be communicated to the classroom.

FEMINE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Please find your sample of Always Radiant in this week's folder. They will be sent home with all our female students from Grade 4-8. We will also be keeping some samples for students to use in the girls washroom upstairs. Contact the school if you would like additional samples.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



With the weather getting chillier with each passing day, it is very important that your child be dressed for the weather so they can enjoy outdoor recess. During the fall, the morning can be quite cold—but the afternoon can be quite warm. Children should dress in layers to ensure they are comfort-

able in class and also while outside. Please be sure to label clothes so that if they are lost, they can be returned. Please ensure your child is dressed for rain, mud and the inevitable snow which will come our way.

HEAD LICE



This is the time of year where we see increases of head lice. Since this condition spreads easily, it is recommended that you check your child's hair once a week. If you find any head lice or nits (eggs), use medicated lice shampoo. The school needs to be informed so that other parents can check the heads of others.



Yours in Education,
Mrs. Gretchen Morgan

Curriculum Focus for October

In Mathematics, students will begin to focus on Geometry and Spatial Sense (2D shapes, attributes, symmetry, angles, lines, circles). In reading, students will focus on retelling and summarizing ideas in order to demonstrate meaning. In writing, students will begin to focus on the recount and procedural writing form.

St. Patrick School has once again continued its partnership with the Red Cross and Breakfast for Learning to help provide a healthy snack for all children! Healthy snacks and our Breakfast Club are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



Weekly Communication Folders



We will once again be using the weekly communication folder system so that critical information and newsletters make it home. Each Wednesday, your child's teacher will send home information from the office, permission forms, newsletters, community flyers, tests to sign, completed work, etc.

Simply complete your part of the tracker, sign items which need to be returned to school, remove all other items and send communication folders back to school on Thursday morning. As the year progresses, we hope to decrease the amount of paper sent home; we are planning to have information available on our Facebook page.

Be sure to check your child's bag each Wednesday. Be sure to "like" our Facebook page.

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Catholic School Council Elections

Our Catholic School Council is looking for you! We meet a minimum of four times throughout the year and support the school in promoting student achievement. A nomination ballot is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. We hope many parents will allow their names to stand for election, as it is an excellent forum to communicate your ideas and concerns. A term will run from September to September. No experience is necessary...just a willingness to make our school better. Elections will take place on September 25 (if needed). **The first meeting for our new council is on Monday October 28th at 6:00 p.m.**

Volunteer to help make your child's school a better place. Become involved in our School Council.

School Open House

Our Catholic School Council and Staff would like to invite all families to our 14th Annual Open House on Wednesday September 25th.

This is a great opportunity to have your child show you their classroom and to dis-

cuss classroom expectations and goals for the year.

Please note that this is not a parent/teacher interview, simply a **Welcome back open house** to meet the teachers and celebrate the start of the school year. We are eager to see you on Wed. Septem-

ber 25th, 2019. from 4:00-6:00

Check out next week's communication folder for the invitation and more details.



School safety reminders and volunteers

Parents & Visitors must sign in:

Parents are welcomed to the school throughout the year, however, for the safety of our staff and students, parents and visitors must use only the front door for entry and need to sign in at the office.

As part of our commitment to ensuring student safety, the doors remain locked during the school day; visitors need to be buzzed in with our buzzer system and report to the front office. Visitors are not entitled to go to the classrooms as this is a disruption to student programming.

If you need to go to the classroom, arrangements can be made in advance with your child's classroom teacher. Parent messages and deliveries (keys, lunches, etc.) are handled through the office. Student lunches can be left on the shelf outside the front office. Don't forget to label your child's lunch.

At the end of the day (3:15)

Students taking the bus will use the back door by the Church (until our bus turnaround is complete); students who walk or ride their bikes will use the doors by the gym. If you are

picking up your child at the end of the day, feel free to enter the school anytime after 3:00 to wait for your child in the lobby.

Volunteering @ St. Pat's

If you are interested in volunteering at the school you are required to present the school administration with an original copy of a valid vulnerable sectors check (criminal record). An application can be picked-up at the office. If you provided us with a copy in the past, you are asked to sign an offence declaration form which can also be completed at the office. We appreciate your help and involvement!



Your child's safety is our # 1 priority. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at St. Patrick School.

Virtue of the Month: Faith

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are focussing this month on the virtue of Faith. The quote from John's gospel reminds us, "Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe" John 20:29. We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. They are on your

What is faithfulness? Truth. Trustworthy. Believable. Loyal. Accurate. When we talk about faithfulness, we're talking about someone sticking by our side, being on our team, staying loyal to us. Someone who is faithful is someone you can count on. You know they won't tell you things that aren't true or try to hurt you.

side. On your team. In your corner. Faithfulness is the belief and trust and loyalty all rolled into one ball of comfort and strength. Being a Catholic is founded in Faith—Faith in the Lord. Remember that it is through our words and actions that our faith becomes evident. It is our Faith in God that brings comfort to our lives.



Agenda

Planners:

All students in JK-Grade 6 have been given an agenda planner. Please feel free to pay your child's teacher \$8.00. Payment prior to the end of September would be appreciated.